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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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RE: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Request for Approval of a Contract for Electric Service and Two Amendments to Contracts for Electric Service with Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC (Public and Redacted Versions), and a Request for Confidential Treatment
Docket No. 2022-17-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed the filing submitted by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC" or the "Company") for the approval of the contract for electric service with Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC ("Mercedes-Benz") and two (2) amendments to existing contracts for electric service with Mercedes-Benz (collectively referred to herein as the "Amendments").

In its filing, the Company requests approval of the following:

- (1) A Contract for Electric Service between DESC and Mercedes-Benz for the provision of electric service to the Waste Storage located on Palmetto Commerce Parkway in Ladson, South Carolina ("Contract I"), with such approval to be made effective as of January 1, 2022, the effective date of the Contract. Under Contract I, DESC will provide electric service, through the Company's retail electric rate schedule entitled "Rate 9 – General Service" ("Rate 9") for an initial term and will continue automatically until terminated by DESC or Mercedes-Benz. In addition to Rate 9, Mercedes-Benz will also be billed a rider to Rate 9, which is titled "Green Power Rider to Applicable Retail Electric Rate Serving Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC – Green Power" ("Green Power Rider"). Under the Green Power Rider, Mercedes-Benz will pay the Company for "green power" that the Company supplies to Mercedes-Benz's facilities for the initial term, which begins on January 1, 2022. At the conclusion of the initial term, the Green Power Rider will extend on a year-to-year basis unless terminated by either DESC or Mercedes-Benz. According to the filing, for purposes of Contract I, "green power" refers to electricity sold by the Company for consumption at the Waste Storage coupled with green attributes from DESC-owned renewable generation resources, third-party owned renewable generation resources

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interconnected to the DESC system and for which the Company owns the rights to the green attributes, or the open market.

- (2) A Second Amendment, with an effective date of January 1, 2022, to an existing contract for electric service between DESC and Mercedes-Benz for the provision of electric service to a plant located on Palmetto Commerce Parkway in Ladson, South Carolina (“Second Amendment”). The Second Amendment amends a contract for electric service between DESC and Mercedes-Benz, which was originally effective July 31, 2016, and subsequently amended on July 11, 2019. Under the Second Amendment, DESC agrees to provide “green power” for 100% of Mercedes-Benz’s energy consumption pursuant to the Green Power Rider.
- (3) A Third Amendment, with an effective date of January 1, 2022, to an existing contract for electric service between DESC and Mercedes-Benz for the provision of electric service to a plant located on Palmetto Commerce Parkway in Ladson, South Carolina (“Third Amendment”). The Third Amendment amends a contract for electric service between DESC and Mercedes-Benz effective February 13, 2008, and subsequently amended on June 25, 2009, and on April 18, 2018. Under the Third Amendment, DESC agrees to provide “green power” for 100% of Mercedes-Benz’s energy consumption pursuant to the Green Power Rider.

ORS has reviewed the Company’s request for approval of Contract I and the Amendments with Mercedes Benz. ORS reviewed the Company’s previously approved matters with Mercedes Benz under Docket No. 2016-414-E. Additionally, ORS reviewed the filings under Docket No. 2011-203-E for reference.¹

Based on its review, ORS does not object to the Commission’s approval of the Company’s Contract I and the Amendments with Mercedes Benz. Additionally, ORS has no objection to the request for confidential treatment of certain provisions in the contract due to the commercial sensitivity and proprietary nature of certain provisions of Contract I and Amendments.

Sincerely,



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¹ Docket No. 2011-203-E dealt with a contract, and subsequent amendments, for electric service between South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, which subsequently became Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc., and The Boeing Company. There are numerous similarities between the Company’s requests in Docket No. 2011-203-E and this docket.